



Thank you, Veterans

Special Points of Interest

Sunday, 11/2 @ 2am
set your clock back an hour
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Tuesday, 11/4
Election Day
Supt Conference Day
no school for students

Tuesday, 11/11
School closed—Veterans Day

Friday, 11/14
Report cards mailed home

Thursday, 11/20
Reward Bowling

Friday, 11/21
IAC celebrates Thanksgiving

Tuesday, 11/25
Reward Trip Long Island Aquarium

Thursday, 11/27 & Friday 11/28
School Closed—Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we're grateful for—and this year, that's the families of our students. Communication supports a child's academic and social-development. By working together we can achieve great results for our students. We thank you!

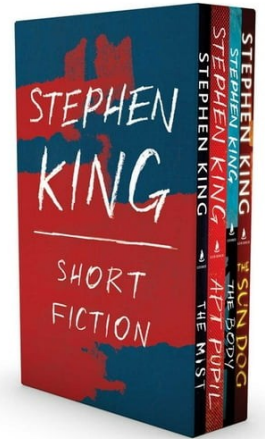
School will be closed
December 24—January 2
Students return to school

Susan Goltz, Principal

James Muller, Assistant Principal

From Ms. Guttieri's English Language Arts Classroom

Our class has been diving into Stephen King's short story "Survivor Type." While it's a darker, suspenseful tale (as you'd expect from King!), we're approaching it as a powerful piece of survival literature; focusing on how extreme circumstances can reveal the strength and limits of the human spirit. This chilling narrative about human desperation and what it truly means to "survive". The story follows Richard Pine, a disgraced surgeon shipwrecked on a desert island, who records his descent into madness and self-destruction in his diary. We are focusing on the theme of survival and moral boundaries. "How far would you go to survive?" That's the question at the heart of King's story — and one that sparked some intense classroom discussions.



In class we explored how the diary format of the story gives readers a front-row seat to the main character's unraveling sanity. Our literary focus included tone, irony, and symbolism (especially "consuming oneself") as key elements we examined. We spotlighted vocabulary words such as desperation, isolation, morbid, and irony. We explored deeper questions; what does "survival" really mean, how far would a person go to stay alive, and what choices define who we are when everything else is stripped away?

Students have been engaging in small-group discussions, analyzing King's use of journal entries to show the narrator's gradual descent into desperation. We've also connected the story to themes of resilience, isolation, and morality; topics that resonate in many areas of life, not just fiction. We're making sure students feel emotionally safe exploring difficult material. We pause often to reflect, check -in, and guide students in separating literary horror from real-life empathy. Our goal isn't to sensationalize the story, but to help students think critically and compassionately about what drives human behavior under pressure.

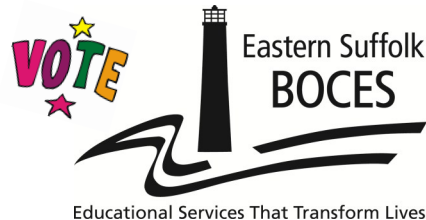
Ask your students what they thought about the ending as it's sparked some incredible conversations about survival, ethics (right from wrong), and the human mind.

Give Thanks

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November



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From Ms. Hinton, LCSW



November is that magical month when the air smells like fallen leaves, pies are cooling on the counter, and gratitude takes center stage (right alongside the turkey). It's a perfect time to reflect on life's blessings and share that gratitude with others. While your bird is roasting to golden perfection, you can take the family into the city to catch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in person — a free, festive, and truly unforgettable event filled with giant balloons, marching bands, and enough confetti to last until New Year's. It's the kind of morning that makes you feel like a kid again, and by the time you get home, the turkey will be ready for its big moment. Of course you can always just watch on tv, the boring way.....

If you'd like to keep that spirit of thankfulness going, Suffolk County has plenty of opportunities to give back right in your own community. You can volunteer or donate at St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen & Pantry (6 Fifth Ave., Bay Shore), which serves hot meals weekly; Mercy Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch (17 S 20th St., Wyandanch), open Monday through Friday for lunch; or Welcome Friends Soup Kitchen in Port Jefferson, which provides warm meals to neighbors in need. Whether you're ladling soup, dropping off canned goods, or just spreading cheer, it's a heart-warming way to live out the true meaning of Thanksgiving — giving thanks by giving back.



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Our staff wishes you the happiness of good friends, the joy of family, and the wonder of the holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving!